

steps that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is taking to improve implementation of OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, after receiving testimony from John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health; Thomas G. Grumbles, American Industrial Hygiene Association, Fairfax, Virginia; Jon Hanson, Wyoming Medical Center, Casper; Anne Jackson, Pepperidge Farm, Denver, Pennsylvania, on behalf of American Bakers Association; Michele R. Sullivan, MRS Associates, Cherry

Hill, New Jersey, on behalf of Society for Chemical Hazard Communications; and Michael J. Wright, United Steelworkers of America, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4030–4048; 1 private bill, H.R. 4049; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 91; H. Con. Res. 396–399, and H. Res. 577–579, were introduced. **Pages H1592–93**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1593–94**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2523, to designate the United States courthouse located at 125 Bull Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the “Tomochichi United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 108–447);

H.R. 2538, to designate the United States courthouse located at 400 North Miami Avenue in Miami, Florida, as the “Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse” (H. Rept. 108–448);

H.R. 3147, to designate the Federal building located at 324 Twenty-Fifth Street in Ogden, Utah, as the “James V. Hansen Federal Building”, amended (H. Rept. 108–449); and

H.R. 3713, to designate the Federal building located at 250 West Cherry Street in Carbondale, Illinois the “Senator Paul Simon Federal Building” (H. Rept. 108–450). **Page H1592**

Budget Resolution for FY 2005: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 393, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and 2006 through 2009, by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 92. The measure was also considered on Wednesday, March 24. **Pages H1495–H1565**

Rejected:

Cummings amendment in the nature of a substitute (Congressional Black Caucus) printed in H. Rept. 108–446 that provides for \$43.3 billion in additional spending and \$5 billion for deficit reduction

in FY 2005 (rejected by a recorded vote of 119 yeas to 302 nays, Roll No. 88); **Pages H1499–H1508**

Stenholm amendment in the nature of a substitute (Blue Dog Coalition) printed in H. Rept. 108–446 that balances the budget by 2012 and cuts the deficit in half in the next two years (rejected by a recorded vote of 183 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 89); **Pages H1508–22**

Hensarling amendment in the nature of a substitute (Republican Study Committee) printed in H. Rept. 108–446 that calls for more tax cuts and less discretionary spending and would cut the deficit in half in three years (rejected by a recorded vote of 116 yeas to 309 nays, Roll No. 90); and **Pages H1522–34**

Spratt amendment in the nature of a substitute (Democratic substitute) printed in H. Rept. 108–446 that projects a balanced budget in FY 2012, with \$1.5 trillion less public debt than the resolution (rejected by a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 232 nays, Roll No. 91). **Pages H1535–53**

Agreed by unanimous consent to the modification of the amendment offered by Representative Spratt that is printed in H. Rept. 108–446. **Page H1547**

H. Res. 574, the rule providing for further consideration of the concurrent resolution was agreed to by a voice vote after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 84. **Pages H1487–93**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Wednesday, March 24:

Community Recognition Act of 2003: H.R. 3095, amended, to amend title 4, United States Code, to make sure the rules of etiquette for flying the flag of the United States do not preclude the flying of flags at half mast when ordered by city and

local officials, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 93; **Pages H1565–66**

Bureau of Engraving and Printing Security Printing Act of 2004: H.R. 3786, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to produce currency, postage stamps, and other security documents at the request of foreign governments on a reimbursable basis, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 85; **Pages H1493–94**

District of Columbia and United States Territories Circulating Quarter Dollar Program Act: H.R. 2993, to provide for a circulating quarter dollar coin program to honor the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the United States Virgin Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 86; and **Page H1494**

Authorizing the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank: Agree to the Senate amendment to H.R. 254, to authorize the President of the United States to agree to certain amendments to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the United Mexican States concerning the establishment of a Border Environment Cooperation Commission and a North American Development Bank, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 87—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H1494–95**

Late Report: Agreed that the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have until midnight on March 29 to file a report on H.R. 3550, to authorize funds for federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs. **Page H1566**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Bell wherein he resigned from the Committee on International Relations, effective March 26. **Page H1566**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 29 for Morning Hour debate. **Page H1567**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, March 31. **Page H1567**

Presidential Message: Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intention to

enter into a free trade agreement with the Government of the Dominican Republic—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (H. Doc. 108–178). **Page H1495**

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H1493 and H1566.

Senate Referrals: S. 2231 was referred to the Committees on Ways & Means and Energy & Commerce; S. 1218 was referred to the Committees on Science and Ways & Means. **Pages H1590–91**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six ye-a-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H1492–93, H1493–94, H1494, H1494–95, H1508, H1521–22, H1534, H1552–53, H1565, and H1565–66. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies held a hearing on Rural Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Gilbert G. Gonzalez, Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development; Hilda Gay Legg, Administrator, Rural Utilities Service; Authur A. Garcia, Administrator, Rural Housing Service; John Rosso, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service; Luis Luna, Deputy Administrator, Community Development; and Dennis Kaplan, Budget Officer.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on SBA. Testimony was heard from Hector Barreto, Administrator, SBA.

The Subcommittee held a hearing on the U.S. Trade Representative. Testimony was heard from Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick, U.S. Trade Representative.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on the EEOC. Testimony was heard from Cari M. Dominguez, Chairwoman, EEOC.